

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2408**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Allen**

February 21, 2014

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An act to amend Section 52074 of the Education Code, relating to school accountability.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2408, as introduced, Allen. School accountability: local control and accountability plans: California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

Existing law, on or before July 1, 2014, requires the governing board of each school district and each county board of education to adopt a local control and accountability plan and requires the governing board of each school district and each county board of education to update its local control and accountability plan on or before July 1 of each year. Existing law requires the plan to include certain elements, and requires the charter for a charter school to include some of those same elements.

Existing law establishes the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence for the purpose of advising and assisting school districts, county superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan. Existing law requires the collaborative to be governed by a board consisting of 5 members, as specified.

This bill would add a representative of charter schools and a parent of a California public school pupil, each appointed by the Governor, to the governing board of the collaborative. To the extent these provisions impose additional duties on charter school officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52074 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:  
3 52074. (a) The California Collaborative for Educational  
4 Excellence is hereby established.  
5 (b) The purpose of the California Collaborative for Educational  
6 Excellence is to advise and assist school districts, county  
7 superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the  
8 goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan adopted  
9 pursuant to this article.  
10 (c) The Superintendent shall, with the approval of the state  
11 board, contract with a local educational agency, or consortium of  
12 local educational agencies, to serve as the fiscal agent for the  
13 California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. The  
14 Superintendent shall apportion funds appropriated for the California  
15 Collaborative for Educational Excellence to the fiscal agent.  
16 (d) The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence  
17 shall be governed by a board consisting of the following ~~five~~ *seven*  
18 members:  
19 (1) The Superintendent or his or her designee.  
20 (2) The president of the state board or his or her designee.  
21 (3) A county superintendent of schools appointed by the Senate  
22 Committee on Rules.  
23 (4) A teacher appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.  
24 (5) A superintendent of a school district appointed by the  
25 Governor.  
26 (6) *A representative of charter schools, including, but not limited*  
27 *to, a charter school operator, appointed by the Governor.*

1     (7) *A parent of a California public school pupil appointed by*  
2 *the Governor.*

3     (e) At the direction of the governing board of the California  
4 Collaborative for Educational Excellence, the fiscal agent shall  
5 contract with individuals, local educational agencies, or  
6 organizations with the expertise, experience, and a record of  
7 success to carry out the purposes of this article. The areas of  
8 expertise, experience, and record of success shall include, but are  
9 not limited to, all of the following:

10    (1) State priorities as described in subdivision (d) of Section  
11 52060.

12    (2) Improving the quality of teaching.

13    (3) Improving the quality of school district and schoolsite  
14 leadership.

15    (4) Successfully addressing the needs of special pupil  
16 populations, including, but not limited to, English learners, pupils  
17 eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal, pupils in foster  
18 care, and individuals with exceptional needs.

19    (f) The Superintendent may direct the California Collaborative  
20 for Educational Excellence to advise and assist a school district,  
21 county superintendent of schools, or charter school in any of the  
22 following circumstances:

23    (1) If the governing board of a school district, county board of  
24 education, or governing body ~~or~~ of a charter school requests the  
25 advice and assistance of the California Collaborative for  
26 Educational Excellence.

27    (2) If the county superintendent of schools of the county in  
28 which the school district or charter school is located determines,  
29 following the provision of technical assistance pursuant to Section  
30 52071 or ~~47607.3~~ 47607.3, as applicable, that the advice and  
31 assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational  
32 Excellence is necessary to help the school district or charter school  
33 accomplish the goals described in the local control and  
34 accountability plan adopted pursuant to this article.

35    (3) If the Superintendent determines that the advice and  
36 assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational  
37 Excellence is necessary to help the school district, county  
38 superintendent of schools, or charter school accomplish the goals  
39 set forth in the local control and accountability plan adopted  
40 pursuant to this article.

1       SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
2 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
3 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
4 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
5 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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